

# Your Waste and Recycling Guide



**When's my bin day?**  
Scan for your bin collection dates.



**What goes where?**  
Your A-to-Z waste and recycling guide.

# Food and garden waste

Haven't got a food and garden waste bin?  
Order one at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/orderbin](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/orderbin)



## Accepted

- ✓ Fruit and vegetable scraps
- ✓ Meat, seafood, bones and dairy products (cooked and raw)
- ✓ Leftovers
- ✓ Paper towel, tissues and shredded paper
- ✓ Bread, pasta, rice and baked goods
- ✓ Small branches, twigs and garden clippings
- ✓ Weeds, flowers, leaves and grass



## Not accepted

- ✗ Rubbish, plastic bags, packaging or produce stickers
- ✗ Bagged garden waste
- ✗ Tea bags or coffee pods
- ✗ Gardening equipment (including plant pots, fake turf and edging)
- ✗ Soil, rubble, rocks or bricks
- ✗ Pet poo, poo bags or kitty litter
- ✗ Treated timber, large branches or stumps
- ✗ Biodegradable or compostable packaging or coffee cups

## How to line your kitchen caddy

Contact Council to order free compostable caddy liners.



### Option 1

Only use lime green compostable liners with this symbol and code AS4736.



### Option 2

Use paper towel or newspaper.



### Option 3

No liner at all.



Did you know that the contents of your food and garden waste bin are turned into compost and used on farms and gardens across Victoria?



## Food and garden

Available in 120L or 240L

Collected fortnightly



# Recycling

Recycling correctly helps ensure items can be turned into new products and reduces waste going to landfill.



## Accepted

- ✓ Plastic bottles, containers and punnets
- ✓ Paper and cardboard (flattened)
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Steel and aluminum cans, trays, scrunched foil and aerosols (empty)



Pour out all liquids, then put the lid back on when recycling bottles and containers.



## Not accepted

- ✗ Bagged rubbish or recyclables
- ✗ Soft plastic packaging, wrappers or bags
- ✗ Batteries, vapes or electrical items (e-waste)
- ✗ Clothing, shoes or textiles (including blankets and pillows)
- ✗ Polystyrene or foam
- ✗ Cartons (including long life milk, primas and juice)
- ✗ Takeaway coffee cups, straws or cutlery
- ✗ Nappies, wipes, sanitary items or medical waste
- ✗ Toys (including plastic, wooden and soft toys)
- ✗ Shredded paper, paper towel or tissues

## Top recycling tips



Do not bag your recycling – all recyclable items must be loose



All items should be empty and lightly rinsed



Remove all leftover food and drink



If in doubt, leave it out to help reduce contamination



Did you know you can exchange eligible drink containers for 10 cents each through the Container Deposit Scheme? Learn how here: [www.cdsvic.org.au](http://www.cdsvic.org.au)



**Recycling**

Available in  
240L

Collected  
fortnightly

No plastic bags



# Rubbish (landfill)

All waste in your rubbish bin is sent to landfill where it will not be used again.



## Accepted

- ✓ General household rubbish
- ✓ Nappies, wipes and sanitary items
- ✓ Pet poo, poo bags and kitty litter
- ✓ Soft plastics and plastic bags
- ✓ Damaged and old clothing, bedding, textiles and shoes
- ✓ Single use coffee cups, coffee pods and tea bags
- ✓ Polystyrene and foam
- ✓ Broken glass and ceramics
- ✓ Cartons (including long life milk, primas and juice)
- ✓ Black plastics



## Not accepted



Electrical items (e-waste)



Batteries, vapes or e-cigarettes



Hazardous chemicals



Paint



Gas and helium canisters, or fire extinguishers



Garden waste



Soil or rubble



Household recyclables



Check our A to Z list on the last page for tips on how to dispose of these items or visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/atoz](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/atoz)

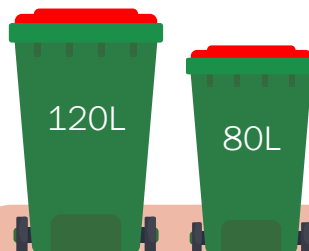
## Thinking about going greener?



Council can help with rebates on compost bins, cloth nappies, reusable sanitary items, and more!

Find out more:

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasterebates](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasterebates)



Downsize to an 80L rubbish bin to save on your yearly rates!



Help prevent litter by keeping your lid closed and not overfilling your bin!



**Rubbish**

Available in 80L or 120L

Collected weekly

Bag all rubbish



# Bookable hard waste

Can you reuse, repair, sell or give away items before booking hard waste?



## Accepted



**Mattresses**  
(set aside)



**Car tyres**  
(max 4)



**White goods, appliances and scrap metal**



**Electrical items**  
(e-waste)



**Garden waste**  
(must be tied in bundles)



**Timber**  
(max 12 pieces)



**Paint tins**  
(empty with lids off)



**Furniture and couches**

Eligible households receive two free booked hard waste collections per financial year. Additional paid collections are also available.

- Always book before putting waste out for collection.
  - Single booking must not be over 2 cubic metres (2m long x 1m high x 1m wide). No single item can be longer than 1.5m, and nothing over 30kg.
  - Place your items out the weekend before your allocated week.
  - Take a photo of your pile once you're done, in case you need to reference it later.
  - Contact Council immediately if someone has added to your pile.
  - Remove any batteries from appliances and electronic items.
- ✗ No general household rubbish, food or recyclables in plastic bags.
  - ✗ No batteries.
  - ✗ No building, construction or renovation materials.
  - ✗ No hazardous chemicals or paint.
  - ✗ No asbestos or cement sheeting.
  - ✗ No unwrapped or broken glass.
  - ✗ No gas bottles.
  - ✗ No barbed wire, fencing panels or fencing wire.

To check your household's eligibility or book your collection:  
Visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste) call customer service on **1300 787 624**



For a full list of accepted items, please visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

**Warning!** Waste put out early, or without a booking will be treated as dumped rubbish and can incur a fine of up to \$6000.

## E-waste

### Electrical items

E-waste refers to any item with a battery, cord or plug at the end of its useful life. These items cannot go in any of your household bins.

Instead, you can take small e-waste items (phones, tablets, batteries) to one of our collection points throughout the Shire.

Larger items and appliances can be collected as part of your booked hard waste collection or taken to some transfer stations for free.

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste)



## Free waste drop-offs and events

### Green waste drop-offs

Cardinia residents can drop off garden waste for free at our events held throughout year.

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff)



### Recycling drive and drop

Recycle more at our free drive-through drop-off events held multiple times a year. Cardinia Shire residents can bring e-waste, polystyrene, soft plastics, textiles, and excess cardboard for reuse or recycling.

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff)



### Paintback program

Return unused paint to select transfer stations for free as part of the Paintback program.

[www.paintback.com.au/households](http://www.paintback.com.au/households)



**Do not put e-waste in any of your kerbside bins**

# A to Z waste guide

For a full list, scan QR code or visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/atoz](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/atoz)



## 1 Recycling bin

## 5 E-waste drop off points

## 9 Dedicated drop-off point

## 2 Food and garden waste bin

## 6 Home compost

## 10 Transfer stations

## 3 Rubbish bin

## 7 Sell, donate, give away

## 4 Booked hard waste

## 8 Green waste drop-off

Aerosol cans (empty) ..... 1  
Aluminium cans, trays, foil .. 1  
Animal poo ..... 3  
Appliances ..... 7, 4, 9  
Batteries (household) . 5, 9, 10  
Bikes, scooters ..... 7, 4  
Biscuit trays (plastic) ..... 1  
Blankets, bedding ..... 7, 9, 3  
Blister packs ..... 9, 3  
Books ..... 7, 1  
Bottles (glass and plastic)  
keep lids on ..... 1  
Bubble wrap ..... 9, 3  
Building materials ..... 10  
Cardboard ..... 1, 9, 10  
Carpet, underlay ..... 4, 10  
Cartons (long life milk & juice) . 3  
CDs, DVDs ..... 5, 9, 10  
Ceramics, crockery (broken).. 3  
Chemicals (household) ..... 9  
Clothing, textiles  
(good condition) ..... 7

Clothing, textiles  
(poor condition) ..... 9, 3  
Coat hangers ..... 7, 3  
Compostable packaging .. 6, 3  
Computers, electrical  
accessories ..... 4, 5, 9, 10  
Coffee cups, lids, pods ..... 3  
Coffee grounds ..... 6, 2  
Egg cartons ..... 1, 2, 6  
Electrical items/e-waste  
(small) ..... 5, 9, 10  
Electrical items /e-waste  
(large items) ..... 4, 9, 10  
Envelopes ..... 1  
Fabric/textiles ..... 7, 9, 3  
Fertiliser ..... 9  
Fire extinguishers ..... 10  
Food pouches (yoghurt, baby  
food) ..... 3  
Food waste ..... 6, 2, 3  
Food wrappers (soft plastics) 9, 3  
Furniture ..... 7, 4

Gas bottles ..... 10  
Garden waste ..... 2, 6, 4, 8  
Glass windows, tables .... 7, 4  
Hair ..... 6, 2  
Hoses ..... 4, 10, 3  
Hot water unit ..... 4, 10  
Jars (glass or plastic) ..... 1  
Kitty litter ..... 3  
Light globes ..... 5, 10  
Mattresses ..... 7, 4  
Meat trays (clean) ..... 1  
Mirrors ..... 7, 3, 10  
Mobile phones ..... 5, 9, 10  
Nappies (disposable) ..... 3  
Napkins ..... 2, 6, 3  
Oil (cooking) ..... 2, 10  
Oil (motor) ..... 10  
Paint ..... 10  
Paper towel ..... 6, 2  
Paper (shredded) ..... 2, 3  
Pizza box (oily) ..... 6, 2  
Pizza box lid (clean) ..... 1

Plastic bags ..... 9, 3  
Polystyrene, foam ..... 9, 3, 10  
Pots, pans ..... 7, 4  
Scrap metal ..... 4, 10  
Shoes (poor condition) .... 9, 3  
Smoke alarms ..... 5, 9, 10  
Soil, dirt ..... 10  
Soft plastic ..... 9, 3  
Syringes ..... 9  
Takeaway containers  
(plastic, cardboard) clean ... 1  
Televisions ..... 7, 4, 10  
Timber ..... 4, 10  
Tissues ..... 3  
Toys ..... 7, 3  
Tyres ..... 4, 10  
Vapes, e-cigarettes ..... 9  
Weed killer ..... 9  
Wet wipes ..... 3  
Whitegoods ..... 7, 4, 10  
X-rays ..... 9, 10

# Bin calendar 2026

To check your bin day call customer service or visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/binday](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/binday)



Rubbish collected weekly

Recycling collected fortnightly

Food and garden waste collected fortnightly

Complete your own calendar by filling in your Recycling and Food and Garden bin weeks.

## January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

## March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

## April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

## May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

## June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

## July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

## August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

## September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

## October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

## December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
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# Let's keep Cardinia Shire beautiful!

## Cardinia Shire Council

Customer Service Centre  
20 Siding Avenue, Officer

Postal address  
PO Box 7 Pakenham 3810

Phone: 1300 787 624

Email: [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

Web: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au)

TTY users: 1300 677  
(ask for 1300 787 624)

Speak and Listen users:  
1300 555 727 (ask for 1300 787 624)



Translating and Interpreting  
Service (TIS)

131 450 (ask for 1300 787 624)



## Important links

### To report dumped rubbish:

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dumpedrubbish](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dumpedrubbish)

### To report a missed collection, broken, damaged or lost bin:

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/binrequest](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/binrequest)

### To order additional bins:

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/orderbins](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/orderbins)

### To book hard waste collection:

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste)

### To view our free education resources:

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/educationprograms](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/educationprograms)

### To register a clean-up event:

[www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au)



Learn more here: [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/waste](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/waste)



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